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Foam Sector Substitutes Under SNAP as of August 21, 2003

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EPA has created the Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program under section 612 of the Clean Air Act Amendments. SNAP evaluates alternatives to ozone-depleting substances. Substitutes are reviewed on the basis of ozone depletion potential, global warming potential, toxicity, flammability, and exposure potential as described in the March 18, 1994 final SNAP rule (59 FR 13044). Lists of acceptable and unacceptable substitutes will be updated periodically in the Federal Register. The following SNAP notices and subsequent final rules are included in this list: August 26, 1994 (59 FR 44240), January 13, 1995 (60 FR 3318), June 13, 1995 (60 FR 31092), July 28, 1995 (60 FR 38729), February 8, 1996 (61 FR 4736), May 22, 1996 (61 FR 25585), September 5, 1996 (61 FR 47012), October 16, 1996 (61 FR 54030), March 10, 1997 (62 FR 10700), June 3, 1997 (62 FR 30275), February 24, 1998 (63 FR 9151), May 22, 1998 (63 FR 28251), January 26, 1999 (64 FR 3861), April 28, 1999 (64 FR 22981), June 8, 1999 (64 FR 30410), December 6, 1999 (64 FR 68039), April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19327), June 19, 2000 (65 FR 37900), December 18, 2000 (65 FR 78977), July 22, 2002 (67 FR 47703), and August 21, 2003 (68 FR 50533).

ACCEPTABLE Substitutes for CFC Foams Under the Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program as of August 21, 2003

Substitute	CFC-11 Rigid Polyurethane & Polyisocyanurate Laminated Boardstock	CFC-11 Rigid Polyurethane, Appliance ¹	CFC-11 Rigid Polyurethane, Commercial ¹	CFC-11 Rigid Polyurethane, Slabstock ¹	CFC-12 Polystyrene, Extruded Boardstock & Billet	CFC-11, CFC-113 Phenolic Insulation Board & Bunstock	CFC-11 Flexible Polyurethane	CFC-12 Polyurethane, Extruded Sheet	CFC-12, CFC- 114, CFC-11 Polyolefin ²
HCFC-123									
HCFC-141b									
HCFC-142b									
HCFC-22									
HCFC-22 / HCFC-141b Blends									
HCFC-141b / HCFC-123 Blends									
HCFC-22 / HCFC-142b Blends									
HCFC-22 / Saturated Light Hydrocarbons C3-C6 Blends									

NOTE:


1. - Acceptability listings include blends of acceptable substitutes in these end-uses.

2. - Under the Section 610 Non-Essential Use Ban, the sale and distribution or offer for sale and distribution of polyolefin foam manufactured with HCFCs is banned except for closed cell rigid polyethylene foam when such foam is suitable in shape, thickness and design to be used as a product that provides insulation around pipes used in heating, plumbing, refrigeration, or industrial process systems.

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**ACCEPTABLE Substitutes for CFC Foams Under the
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Substitute	CFC-11 Rigid Polyurethane & Polyisocyanurate Laminated Boardstock	CFC-11 Rigid Polyurethane, Appliance ¹	CFC-11 Rigid Polyurethane, Commercial ¹	CFC-11 Rigid Polyurethane, Slabstock ¹	CFC-12 Polystyrene, Extruded Boardstock & Billet	CFC-11, CFC-113 Phenolic Insulation Board & Bunstock	CFC-11 Flexible Polyurethane	CFC-11 Integral Skin Polyurethane ¹	CFC-12 Polyurethane, Extruded Sheet	CFC-12, CFC-114, CFC-11 Polyolefin
Formic Acid										
Saturated Light Hydrocarbons C3-C6										
HFC-134a										
HFC-152a										
HFC-143a										
HFC-245fa										
2-Chloropropane										
Electroset Technology										
Carbon Dioxide										
Vacuum Panels										
Methylene Chloride										
Acetone										
AB Technology										
Ecomate										
HFC-152a/Saturated Light Hydrocarbon Blends										
Chemical Blend A										
Methyl Formate										

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**UNACCEPTABLE Substitutes for CFC Foams Under the
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Substitute	ODS Being Replaced	End-Use	Reason
HCFC-141b	CFC-11	Polyolefin	HCFC-141b has an ODP of 0.11, almost equivalent to that of methyl chloroform, a Class I substance. The Agency believes that non-ODP alternatives are sufficiently available to render the use of HCFC-141b unnecessary in polyolefin foams.
HCFC-124	CFC-11, 12,113,114	All	Alternatives exist with lower or zero-ODP.

**ACCEPTABLE Substitutes for HCFC Foams Under the
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Substitute	Rigid Polyurethane & Polyisocyanurate Laminated Boardstock	Rigid Polyurethane, Appliance ¹	Rigid Polyurethane, Commercial ¹	Rigid Polyurethane, Slabstock ¹	Polystyrene, Extruded Boardstock & Billet	Phenolic Insulation Board & Bunstock	Integral Skin Polyurethane ^{1,2}	Polyurethane, Extruded Sheet	Flexible Polyurethane	Polyolefin ³
Water										
CO ₂										
HFC-134a										
HFC-152a										
HFC-245fa										
Exxsol Blowing Agents										
Saturated Light Hydrocarbons C3-C6										
Formic Acid										
Acetone										
Methyl Formate										
2-Chloropropane										
Vacuum Panels										
Blends of HFC-245fa and HCFC-22 as a substitute for blends of HCFC-141b and HCFC-22										
Ecomate										

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NOTE:

1. - Acceptability listings include blends of acceptable substitutes in these end-uses.
2. - Under the Section 610 Non-Essential Use Ban, the sale and distribution of integral skin foam manufactured with HCFCs (with the exception of auto safety foam) was banned as of January 1, 1994. HCFCs were banned from auto safety integral skin foam effective January 1, 1996.
3. - Under the Section 610 Non-Essential Use Ban, the sale and distribution or offer for sale and distribution of polyolefin foam manufactured with HCFCs is banned except for closed cell rigid polyethylene foam when such foam is suitable in shape, thickness and design to be used as a product that provides insulation around pipes used in heating, plumbing, refrigeration, or industrial process systems.

**Substitutes for HCFC Foams that Are ACCEPTABLE SUBJECT TO NARROWED USE LIMITS Under the
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Substitute	ODS Being Replaced	End-Use	Further Information
HCFC-22, HCFC-142b, or blends thereof	HCFC-141b	Rigid polyurethane in Commercial Refrigeration, Sandwich Panels, and Slabstock and Other Foams	Users must evaluate other acceptable non-ozone-depleting substitutes to determine that HCFC-22/HCFC-142b use is necessary to meet performance or safety requirements. Users must determine that there are technical constraints that preclude the use of other available substitutes. Documentation of this evaluation must be available for review upon request.

**UNACCEPTABLE Substitutes for HCFC Foams Under the
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Substitute	ODS Being Replaced	End-Use(s)	Reason
HCFC-22, HCFC-142b, or blends thereof	HCFC-141b	Rigid polyurethane or Polyisocyanurate Boardstock, Appliance, Spray foams	Alternatives exist with lower or zero-ODP.
HCFC-124	HCFC-22, HCFC- 142b, HCFC- 141b, HCFC-123, or blends thereof	All	Alternatives exist with lower or zero-ODP.